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The following documents are cited in the specification of the above-identified application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 03-187580 (KYOCERA CORP), published August 15, 1991;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 08-265630 (CANON INC), published October 11, 1996; and
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 10-191132 (CANON INC), published July 21, 1998.

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